Minutes Special Meeting

Big Mountain County Sewer Board Friday, May 15, 2020

The special meeting was called to order by VP Sandie Carpenter at the Hibernation House at 4:32 pm. (President Bob Lund thought he was going to run the meeting but he was told that he never replied to the request.)

ROLL CALL: Sandra G. Carpenter, Jen Sato, Brad Kincaid, Bob Lund, David Ruoff,

This special meeting was called at the request of new member, Jen Sato. Sandie granted the request because our bylaws stated that only the president or the VP can call a special meeting.

Jen stated that she was concerned about how things were being done without full board consent and gave, as an example, how President Bob Lund sent her an email saying that she was appointed PR Chair, without having even asked her. This is not how any board should work.

Dave spoke and said that the reason for the special meeting was to discuss the actions of the current president Bob Lund. Bob said point of order. Are we talking about the appointment of Jen or what? Dave answered I am adding to her point.

Brad spoke about how meetings were set up. He felt that Bob should not be going off talking to attorneys without having a complete board agreement.

Brad added that he had concerns about not communicating and not responding to questions asked of him. Typically if you are going to meet with an outside party to discuss BMCSB business all board members should know what the direction is. What if the Board members didn't want certain things discussed, Brad added.

Bob attempted to explain his position. He said, as an example, that Dan Graves appointed him to be the go between person from the BMCSB and the City of Whitefish. He then reported back to the whole board of his discussions at our quarterly meetings. What I try to do, Bob continued, is seek information, establish contact, and then report back to the board. As for Jen's appointment as PR chair, I noticed how quickly she posted info on the website. Bob continued to talk about Insurance and GIS issues. He feels that there is no need for the whole board to be involved in GIS issues. He said that Board committees are needed for Board efficiency. Brad then spoke and said that he knew why Bob wanted committees, I get that, he added. At which point Bob stood up and hollered that this was his turn to speak and you are always interrupting me. Bob was standing up waving his arms and shouting in a threatening manner.

Dave spoke about this inappropriate, inflammatory, confrontational approach with Dan Graves, and with Brad, and with previous administration assistants, most recently with Leslie Bales who resigned as a result. Dave mentioned how he had witnessed Bob inappropriately confronting Tara at the GIS office in Kalispell.

Brad voiced concerns of how information is passed along and not shared with all of the board members, eliminating only certain members. Brad was unaware of the confrontation with Tara at the GIS office and he decided to share some of an incident report from Grizzly Security. When Bob trespassed (12-1-19) thru the caution tape, and was told not to be inside the restricted area. The language used by Bob in the report filed by Officer Reynolds was highly inappropriate and highly inflammatory (see attached.)

Dave shared some alternatives to BMCSB. Brad said that these alternatives are not the purpose of this special meeting. Where we are at right now is that Bob is a hurdle to the board's progress and functioning. He is acting like a dictator in doing what he wants and by excluding information from certain board members. It is very apparent. Jen saw it as being a dysfunctional board after only being on the board a short time.

Sandie said that she saw the email communications between five board members was often times confusing.

MOTION (Brad Kincaid/Jen Sato) Move that Bob Lund resign from the BMCSB. No discussion followed. The chair asked for a vote. All those in favor raise your hand. As the chair was about to ask for all those opposed, Bob walked out of the meeting. The chair raised her hand in favor of the motion making it unanimous. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

The next business was to add the name of our new Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper to become a signatory at Glacier Bank

MOTION (D.Ruoff/ Brad Kincaid) Move to add Katie Capon as a BMCSB signatory at Glacier Bank. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Next meeting Tuesday June 16, 2020 time/place TBA Meeting adjourned 5:08 pm

Respectfully submitted, Sandra G. Carpenter, VP

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